January 9 Salvation/Believe

Life After Death

 As we all know death comes to all mortals, but believing that our soul lives on after death makes our physical death faceable.

 God gave man his soul –And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7 KJV.

The living part of us is our soul, in death our soul departs from us – And it came to pass, as her soul was departing, (for she died) Genesis 35:18a. KJV.

 Upon dying our soul departs and it goes to its eternal resting place – Read: II Timothy 1:10. Through Jesus our soul can also live with Him forever and ever!

 If we believe that there is no life after death, how bleak our lives would be all love, hope and faith would be to no avail. The promise of eternal life gives this life on earth meaning and purpose.

VERSE FOR TODAY: II Corinthians 4: 16.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thanks be to you, O Lord, who gave meaning and purpose to this life, helping me to give others this same hope.

January 10

Believe

God

 God is our creator, the one who caused all the world and us to exist.

-In the beginning God created the heaven and earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female. Genesis 1:1, 27.KJV. We see God created the world and human life too. When you really think about the birth of a baby, only God could create such a miracle.

 The theory of evolution, where it is theorized that man started as ape and through centuries evolved into man, does not fit into a God created realm. There may be a side of evolution that may fit, the idea that animals and other living matter adapt to their surroundings. When we are born our existence out of the womb is a totally different world and if we don’t adapt, we die!

VERSE FOR TODAY: Psalm 19:1

PRAYER THOUGHT: Praise the Lord today and everyday for our very existence.

January 11

Believe

God is Eternal

 Something that is eternal lasts forever, an infinite amount of time. Read: Psalm 102:24b.

 The same God that helped the Israelites – Read: Deuteronomy 33:27a. Those same eternal arms support us today, so many centuries later.

 God was before the world and will be God after the world passes away – Read: Psalm 90:2.

 There is nothing more lasting than God, in this ever-changing world, God is, was and evermore shall be.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Isaiah 40:28a.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, for always being there for me during the good and bad times.

January 12

Believe

God’s Faithfulness and Truth

 One way of showing faithfulness is to keep promises, God keeps His promises – Read: I Kings 8:56.

 Through God’s faithfulness we can gain strength – Read: II Thessalonians 3:3. What an inner peace when we know we can depend on God.

 We know God will do what is right – Read: Deuteronomy 32:4b.

We often depend on earthly people and things and put our trust in them, but God is the only true and steadfast being.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Numbers 23:19.

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, thank-you for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Help me to be more like Thee.

January 13

Believe

God is the Judge

 God is the only true judge of people, because he is the only one who can see all that one does in the open as well as in secret. – Read: Ecclesiastes 12:14

 God is a just God. In judging, as at Sodom, He tried to find some innocent people, because he did not want to destroy the innocent with the guilty – Read: Genesis 18:25c. We know when we are judged by God we will receive what is fair and just.

 God will also be the final judge of the world – Read: Romans 2:6.

We are so fortunate to have someone who judges everyone alike. Here we can see that whatever God’s final decision will be of our fate we will have the most fair and just judge of all heaven and earth. If the verdict is eternal damnation we will have only ourselves to blame.

VERSE FOR TODAY: James 4:12.

PRAYER THOUGHT: O Lord, thank-you for your fair judgment. Help us to believe in you and live for you making your only judgment of us rewards not destination.

January 14

Believe

God is Love

 God showed His love for us by sending His only Son into the world to die for us that we might have eternal life. Can you imagine loving so much that you’d give your ONLY son to die that that person could live? That is what God did for us while we were living in hate and sin.

 Read: 1 John 4:16-17 If we live in the Love of the Lord He lives in us by means of the Holy Spirit.

 Love is from God. Love does not come from ourselves – Read: 1 Corinthians 13:8. And I John 4:7, 8.

VERSE FOR TODAY: John 3:16.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, for such undying love that you have shown us, help us to show such perfect love in my life.

January 15

Believe

In Jesus

 The Birth of Jesus was foretold or prophesied many years before the actual event – Read: Isaiah 9:6. The birthplace of Jesus was also foretold – Read: Micah 5:2. Micah and Isaiah had to be inspired by God to have foretold the information about Jesus’ birth so many years before it actually happened.

 Jesus was sent to the one final sacrifice to remove sin – Read: Hebrews 9:26b.

The Israelites were required to make sacrifices of animals, flour, olive oil, and birds, several times a year and for numerous sins and festivals. Leviticus is a good book to explain all the sacrificial requirements. Jesus changed all of that for us, He was a once and for all sacrifice for our sins.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Matthew 1:21.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, for your Son that paid the price for our sins.

January 16

Believe

Jesus, Son of God

 Jesus being the Word of Life – Read: John 1:1, 2. We see here that Jesus was with God, in God, at the creation of the world, now Jesus was made in human form.

 A revelation was made by an angel, to Mary, a virgin, that she would have a child by the Holy Spirit – Read: Luke 1:35. This establishes the divine nature of Jesus.

 For more evidence of the divine nature of Jesus – Read: Colossians 1:15.

 God acknowledged Jesus as His Son – Read: Matthew 3:17.

 Jesus also acknowledged that he was the Son of God – Read: Mathew 26:63c, 64a.

VERSE FOR TODAY: Romans 1:4.

PRAYER THOUGHT: Thank-you, O Lord, your divine nature is such that we have a perfect example through you.